

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a playback apparatus and method, which are capable of reading streaming data recorded on an information recording medium in compliance with an FAT scheme continuously without delay, to a recording medium for use therewith, and to a program therefor. In a DRAM for file playback information, file playback information generated by a CPU is stored. The file playback information is file playback information for playing back a file A generated on the basis of the FAT. In the file playback information, the cluster addresses of clusters used to record a corresponding file are recorded in sequence in the order in which they are used. In the file playback information of the file A, cluster addresses CL1, CL2, CL3, ..., CL329, and CL330, in which files A-1 to A-18 forming the file A are recorded, are recorded, and an EOF is recorded following the cluster address CL330. The present invention can be applied to a hard disk recorder.